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**YOUR PUP CAN GO FOR THE GOLD AT DOGGIE OLYMPICS AT DOG DAYS OF
SUMMER IN DOWNTOWN GLENDALE AUGUST 6**
Competition for dogs and pet activities highlights of free event

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Dog lovers will gather in downtown Glendale for the city’s annual Dog Days of Summer event, from 7-10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The city’s seventh annual event will celebrate this popular event with interactive fun activities, pet wellness information, Glendale PD K-9 demonstration and shopping in Murphy Park. New this year, the event will feature the “Doggie Olympics,” sponsored by Ropin’ the West. Owners can challenge their pets’ intelligence, obedience, skills and agility while having fun running the pylon zig zags, jumping hurdles and walking the plank. Entries are limited, so pre-registration is encouraged. More on the Olympics competition and activities-related updates can be found online at www.facebook.com/DogDaysDoggieOlympics. A special guest “Judge” will be on hand for the competition, Peony the Pig, a local celebrity and a member of the National Service Animal Registry.

Head to the Visit Glendale booth located in Murphy Park to start your day and pick up a run-down of the day’s activities. The morning will offer pet owners and their dogs many exhibit booths, with the emphasis on our four-legged friends with everything from frozen doggie treats , wellness information & products, pet food & treats, pet gifts and accessories. As visitors explore the downtown, there will be water and cool pool stations throughout the area for pets. Admission and parking are free. Visitors are encouraged to park in the free covered parking garage located at 58th Avenue and Paltaire.

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Additional highlights of the day include:

- Visits with Community K-9 Groups including Glendale's favorite furry employees as the Fire Department's Crisis Response dog Topaz, the Glendale Police Department K-9 team
- Canine for Companions, Phoenix Guide Dog Raisers for the Blind
- Dr. Kit's Mobile Vet Low Cost Immunizations and Microchips
- Free Frosty Paw frozen treats for dogs from Papa Ed's Ice Cream at the park for the first 300 dogs
- Dog Wash with all proceeds benefiting Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry
- Face painting
- Pet services, gifts and accessories
- Raffles and prizes
- Brelby Theater will offer pet photos at their new location – just a short walk from the park

The Dog Days of Summer also includes a donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry. For a wish list of items needed, visit www.emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org.

For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

The Dog Days of Summer event is sponsored by the Glendale CVB, Papa Ed's Ice Cream, Bitz-ee Mama's, Hot Dogs & Cool Cats, Republic Services, Poop Ninja and Ropin' the West.

Glendale has been named by "Dog Fancy" magazine as the Regional Runner-up in their Dog Town USA competition for the canine-friendly communities and businesses.

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